

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 6-23 and 26-28 are pending herein.

By this Amendment, claims 23 and 28 are amended to even further distinguish these claims from Shirasaki and Kimura. Claim 29 is canceled.

No new matter is added by this Amendment. Support for language added to the claims is found in the original specification and claims. In particular, support for language added to claim 23 is found in claim 1 as well as at, for example, Figs. 1 and 8. Support for the language added to claim 28 is found in claim 3.

I. Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant has not yet received confirmation that the reference cited in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on October 21, 2004, has been considered. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to acknowledge that the reference cited in the October 21 IDS has been considered by initialing on Form PTO-1449 of the October 21 IDS, and returning the Form PTO-1449 to Applicant's representative.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 1, 3, 6-22, 26 and 27 are allowed.

III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 23, 28 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,025,894 ("Shirasaki") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,133,976 ("Kimura"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant has amended claim 23 to recite that both the electroluminescence element and the liquid crystal element are controlled by the switching element. As acknowledged by the Examiner in paragraph 4 of the September 22, 2004, Office Action, this feature is nowhere taught or suggested in the references of record.

Claim 28 has been amended to recite subject matter of claim 29 (claim 29 is correspondingly canceled) and to recite that both the electroluminescence element and the liquid crystal element are placed above the switching element, and the liquid crystal element is placed above the electroluminescence element. As acknowledged by the Examiner in paragraph 4 of the September 22, 2004, Office Action, this feature is nowhere taught or suggested by the references of record.

Thus, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is overcome.

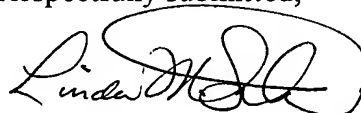
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are thus respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3, 6-23 and 26-28 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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